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TAGS: UNCTAD, EGEN, EAID, AG, ETRD, CIEC
SUBJECT: U.S. VIEWS ON CIEC

REF: STATE 090658

1. CHARGE AND ECON OFFICER PRESENTED U.S. VIEWS OUTLINED
REFTEL TO FERHAT LOUNES, DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN
MFA, ON APRIL 26, AND LEFT SUMMARY NON-PAPER.

2. LOUNES LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND SAID GOA WOULD REFLECT
UPON US VIEWS BUT HE MADE LITTLE COMMENT. HE WONDERED
IF OUR REFERENCE TO CIEC AS AN INAPPROPRIATE FORUM FOR
NEGOTIATING BINDING COMMITMENTS MEANT THAT THE US
EXPECTED ONLY VAGUE GENERALITIES TO COME OUT OF IT
AND ASKED IF THIS ATTITUDE MEANT THAT THE US WOULD NOT
CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND BY WHATEVER CONSENSUS DID EMERGE
IN PARIS.

3. WE RESPONDED THAT WE HOPED MEANINGFUL CONSENSUS,
NOT JUST VAGUE GENERALITIES, WOULD EMERGE BUT THAT, WITHOUT
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PREJUDGING PARIS RESULTS, WE EXPECTED DETAILS OF LEGALLY
BINDING ENGAGEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED IN OTHER
FORUMS. CIEC DECLARATIONS COULD GIVE REASONABLY CONCRETE
GUIDANCE TO UNCTAD, MTN, IBRD, ETC. BUT COULD NOT BE A
SUBSTITUTE FOR ACTUAL TREATIES AND DETAILED, BINDING
AGREEMENTS. WE ALSO SAID THAT OF COURSE US WOULD BE
BOUND BY WHATEVER IT SUBSCRIBED TO IN PARIS AND WOULD

NOT ATTEMPT TO GO BACK ON ITS ENGAGEMENTS IN SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS.

4. LUNES STRESSED GOA INTEREST IN SEEING CLOSE CONTACT MAINTAINED BETWEEN US AND ALGERIAN DELEGATIONS IN PARIS.

5. COMMENT: THERE WAS OBVIOUSLY LITTLE IN THIS MEETING TO ENLIGHTEN US ABOUT ALGERIA'S POSITION WHEN THE CRUNCH COMES AT THE CIEC MINISTERIAL. LOUNES' APPARENT CONCERN TO SEE SOMETHING CONCRETE COME OUT OF THE MINISTERIAL IS CONSISTENT WITH ALGERIA'S PAST STANCE. WE GOT IMPRESSION THAT HE SOMEWHAT UNDERWHELMED BY US POSITION. WE DOUBT THAT GOA WILL JUDGE US WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER A COMMON FUND SUFFICIENTLY CONCRETE AND POSITIVE OUTCOME ON THAT ISSUE, WHILE US POSITIONS ON OTHER ISSUES OFFER LITTLE TO MOLLIFY HARD ALGERIAN ATTITUDE.LYNE

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